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People Have no Heart for Business—Crowds at Churches where Masses are Celebrated

OVER 200 LIVES LOST IN THEATRE FIRE

Holocaust Due to Carelessness and Inexperience of Operator of Moving Picture Machine—Latest Reports Indicate that no Americans Perished—Narrow Escape of American Consul, Mr. Morehead.

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—Late despatches from Acapulco, where the theatre was burned Sunday night, have revealed a horrible human tragedy. The fire, which broke out at a performance given in honor of Governor Daniel Romero, of the state of Guerrero, brought varying estimates of the loss of life in the holocaust. They agree in declaring, however, that the dead will exceed two hundred, while some place the figure as high as 300. Most of the dead were children and women, and the fire was so intense that it took several days to clear the debris from the ruins.

Roof Crashed Down on Entrapped Audience.
The greatest loss of life was occasioned, according to survivors, by the fall of the roof, which crashed down on the entrapped people in the theatre. The fire broke out in the balcony, and the people in the pit had to be rescued by the firemen. The fire was caused by the carelessness and inexperience of the operator of the moving picture machine.

Careless Moving Picture Operator.
The fire, which spread with incredible rapidity through the immense wooden and adobe structure, was due to the carelessness and inexperience of the operator of the moving picture machine. The fire was caused by the carelessness and inexperience of the operator of the moving picture machine.

Exits Turned Into Wall of Fire.
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ARGENTINA FINDS TROUBLE

IN SECURING A LOAN OF \$500,000.—Shipbuilding Companies Insisted on Conditions.

London, Feb. 16.—Argentina, according to reports current on the stock exchange here, in her effort to secure a loan of \$500,000, is being confronted with the difficulty that the great financial houses are insisting, as a condition for underwriting it, that the shipbuilding companies, which are to be the guarantors of the loan, should agree to build the great battleships which the Argentine government has decided to build in France. Argentina has refused to agree to this condition, and the loan is now in jeopardy.

CONSTRUCTION OF A TARIFF.

Men of Widely Differing Views Speak at Indianapolis Meeting.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.—Men of opposing political parties and whose views on the construction of a tariff differed as widely as the tincts of their parties, sat side by side as delegates at a meeting of the National Tariff Commission, which was held here today. The meeting was held in the city hall, and the delegates were from various parts of the country. The meeting was held in the city hall, and the delegates were from various parts of the country.

WOMEN WORKING IN THE HOT SHOPS.

North Norwich, Feb. 15.—There are few new developments in the hat-making industry here today. At the Croft & Knapp factory it was reported a number of local young women had been employed for the first time.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

At Hamburg, Feb. 16: Kaiserin Augusta from New York via New York and Cherbourg.

At Genoa, Feb. 16: Moltke, from New York.

Cabled Paragraphs

Libson, Feb. 16.—A slight earthquake shock was experienced today in the vicinity of Penafiel. No damage was done.

Naples, Feb. 16.—The municipality of Naples has arranged to send the officers of the American supply ship, the USS Albatross, on a trip of historical research, written that he has made discoveries of Inca remains near Abancay of the greatest importance.

Rome, Feb. 16.—Ambassadors and Mrs. Gieseler were received in audience by Queen Helen today and presented to her majesty the sum of \$250,000 from the American Red Cross society for the foundation of an orphanage for the children who lost their parents in the Calabrian earthquake.

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Condensed Telegrams

Battalion Chief Michael C. Graham died of injuries sustained at a fire in Williamsburg.

Gregory's Complaint to a French court that Mme. Steinhilber was committed to prison for President Faure's death was dismissed.

W. S. Foltz, president of the First National bank of New Castle, Pa., was run down by a taxicab in New York and his leg crushed.

The Mayor of New York was informed by a messenger that a fire had broken out in the city's coal bill of \$500,000 to \$600,000 annually.

It Was Stated at Nashville, Tenn., that Governor Patterson would undoubtedly be called as a witness at the trial of the alleged slayers of E. W. Carmack.

The Escape of a Negro from Jefferson Market court, prison in New York has become known. This is the second escape from that prison within a few weeks.

Captain Henry J. Hovey, who ran his ship, the Sea Witch, through the Straits of Ligeia, Delagoa bay, in 1890 with a cargo of flour for the Boers, died in Boston.

The Governments of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick oppose the fisheries section of the international waterways treaty as being an invasion of their rights.

After a discussion of the public service commission order, granting the company's application for permission to issue \$25,000,000 bonds, it was said the Erie officials would ask for modifications.

Robert R. Jordan, a picture and antique dealer, was shot and killed in his store, Maurice Tannenbaum, a jeweler who was shot down in October last, witnessing the shooting from his place of business across the avenue.

The Public Service Commission, second district, ordered that its action granting a certificate of convenience and necessity and permission to begin construction by the New York, Westchester and Boston railway have full force and effect.

Death of Man Who Made First Match.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Ephraim R. Smith, one of the twenty-five men who made the first match, died in this city the first safety match produced in the United States, died at his home here today of pneumonia. He was 69 years old.

Wilbur Wright Instructs French Aeronautes.

Paul, France, Feb. 16.—Undertaken by bad weather, Wilbur Wright made two flights today with Captain Girardot and Mr. Tissandier, giving the French aeronautes a lesson in the manipulation of the machine.

Blizzard Ties Up Railroad Traffic.

Baltimore, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The blizzard which has prevailed here during the past twenty-four hours has almost stopped traffic on the railroad. Trains are behind time in most instances, and are hauled by two locomotives.

At the Adirondack branch of the Delaware and Hudson canal, the ice was so thick that it was necessary to use a steam tug at Hadley, North Creek and South Corinth. At the latter place the tug and the tug were buried beneath the ice, but escaped serious injury.

General Assembly Notes.

New London-Groton Ferry Petition Considered—Highway Br. Across the Thames at New London—Other Matters.

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MR. TAFT IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Two Hours' Conference with Roosevelt Participated in by Board of Engineers.

ISTHMIAN CANAL REPORT DISCUSSED

President Roosevelt Said to Heartily Approve the Report which Gives a General Comprehensive View of the Situation—Mr. Knox Now Legally Eligible to Receive Appointment of Secretary of State.

Washington, Feb. 16.—In the opinion of President Taft, E. C. Knox is now legally eligible to receive the appointment of secretary of state. That he will be the premier in the Taft cabinet was agreed upon by Mr. Taft at the White House, the statement being made after two conferences between the president-elect and Mr. Knox.

Mr. Taft went further, and gave it as his opinion that no court could entertain an action based on the constitutionality of Mr. Knox's coming appointment, for the reason that the first question that would arise in such a proceeding would be whether Mr. Knox was a "de facto" official of the government. This question, he maintained, could not be answered in the affirmative and there the proceeding would end.

General View of Canal Situation.

Before leaving the White House Mr. Taft explained that the report of the board of engineers was intended to give a general comprehensive view of the canal situation. The members of the board are to make a supplemental report on the technical questions, such as the amount of cement to be used in various lock constructions, the lock machinery, and such matters. It was stated upon authority that President Roosevelt had approved the report.

President and President-Elect Discuss Canal Report.

It was 7 o'clock tonight when Mr. Taft emerged from the president's office, having ended a two hours' conference with Mr. Roosevelt, participated in by the board of engineers. In the outer office he was discussing the canal report, which he was pleased to say was unanimous, and added a word of praise regarding Mr. Knox's appointment to a gathering of newspaper correspondents when Mr. Roosevelt came out. He stood for a moment under the light of the chandelier, and with an expression of pleasant enjoyment on his face, as the president-elect.

KEEP ONE-HALF THE NAVY ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Expression of Congress in Favor of Such Action.

Washington, Feb. 16.—One-half of the United States navy would be kept on the Pacific coast at all times, in the opinion of the senate. An amendment to the naval bill was agreed to tonight providing that in the discretion of the president one-half of the navy shall be kept in Pacific waters, so far as practicable. The president already has the authority to divide the fleet, and the amendment amounts to an expression of congress in favor of such action.

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